

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

**Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record
EA DOI-BLM-UT-0020-2015-0031-EA
June 2015**

Utah Prairie Dog Translocation and Nest Boxes

Location:
Awapa Plateau
Wayne County, Utah

**U.S. Department of the Interior
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Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that the Utah Prairie Dog Translocation and Nest Boxes will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

for 
Wayne Wetzell
Richfield Field Office Manager


Date

DECISION RECORD
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Authorities

The authority for this decision is contained in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act FLPMA (43 U.S.C. § 1761) and the Endangered Species Act.

Compliance and Monitoring

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) will monitor the translocation sites to ensure compliance with the design features of the attached Environment Assessment (EA) and to access the results of the translocation.

Terms / Conditions / Stipulations

Design features to minimize impacts contained in the proposed action of DOI-BLM-UT-C020-2015-0031-EA will be implemented.

Plan Conformance and Consistency

The proposed action and alternative described below are in conformance with the Richfield Field Office Resource Management Plan approved in 2008. They conform to Decision SSS-18 of the ROD, which allows for the reintroduction/translocation of special status species.

Alternatives Considered

The No Action Alternative was considered as a baseline to compare impacts. No other alternatives were considered as the proposed action was designed to have the likeliest chance of meeting the purpose and need with the fewest impacts to other resources.

Decision

It is my decision to approve the Utah Prairie Dog translocation and nest boxes as described in the proposed action of the attached EA.

Rationale for Decision

Approval of the proposed action will meet of the purpose and need of the EA and will not cause unnecessary and undue degradation of public land. The proposed action is needed to translocate Utah prairie dogs, a species listed as Threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from private land, where they are in danger, to public land, where they may be protected. Impacts to conflicting resources will be minimal.

Protest/Appeal

The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred the date that this decision

was signed. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at the Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North Richfield, UT 84701. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

If you wish to file a petition for stay pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.21(b), the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
3. The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted; and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the Authorized Officer.

A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adversely effected party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Regional Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 6201 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1180, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the Authorized Officer and/or IBLA.

for 
Wayne Wetzel
Richfield Field Office Manager

30 June 2015
Date

Attachments: DOI-BLM-UT-C020-2015-0031-EA